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LOK SABHA

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ALLOCATION OF FUNDS TO DRDAS
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the basis on which funds are being allocated to District Rural Development Agencies (DRDAs) and Zila Parishads;

(b) whether there is uniformity in the allocation of funds to them;

(c) if so, the amount allocated to the development agencies in the country during the last three years;

(d) whether the Government has any mechanism to monitor the expenditure of the district rural development agencies; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (DR. RAGHUVANSH PRASAD SINGH)

(a) to (e) : A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement referred in reply to parts (a) to (e) of Lok Sabha Starred Question No. 326 due for answer on 7.12.2007.

(a) & (b): The Ministry of Rural Development through State Governments and Union Territory Administrations implements a number of Centrally Sponsored Schemes for poverty alleviation, employment generation, creation of rural infrastructure and providing basic amenities for people living in rural areas of the country. The programmes are Swarnjayanti Gram Swarojgar Yojana (SGSY), Sampoorna Gramin Rozgar Yojana (SGRY), National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (NREGS), Indira Awaas Yojana (IAY), Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY), DRDA Administration, Accelerated Rural Water Supply Programme (ARWSP), Total Sanitation Campaign (TSC), Integrated Wastelands Development Programme (IWDP), Drought Prone Areas Programme (DPAP) and Desert Development Programme (DDP), Computerization of Land Records (CLR) and Strengthening of Revenue Administration and Updating Land Records (SRA & ULR). The central share is released to District Rural Development Agencies (DRDAs) in respect of the programmes of SGRY, SGSY, IAY, DRDA Administration, IWDP, DPAP, DDP and NREGS. The IWDP, DPAP, DDP and NREGS are demand-based programmes and others are allocation based. Funds in respect of PMGSY, ARWSP, CLR and SRA & ULR are released to State Governments and funds with respect to TSC are released to District Water & Sanitation Committees.

Funds under all schemes are released as per laid down criteria in the approved guidelines. In case of SGRY, the allocation of funds to districts are made on the index of backwardness formulated on the basis of the proportion of rural SC/ST population in the district to the total SC/ST population in the state and inverse of per capita production of the agricultural workers in that district. Under SGSY, the allocation is made on the basis of the Below Poverty Line (BPL) families in the district. Under IAY, the inter district allocation within a state is done by assigning 75% weightage to housing shortage and 25% weightage to rural SC/ST population of the concerned districts. Under programme of DRDA Administration the districts are categorized based on numbers of blocks and the administrative cost per district is fixed. IWDP, DPAP and DDP are project-based demand driven programmes and projects are funded on the basis of per hector cost norms. NREGS is demand-based scheme and there is no allocation criterion.

(c): Allocation (Budget Estimates) under various rural development schemes of the Ministry was Rs. 15998.40 crores, Rs. 24480.00 crores and Rs. 31443.62 crores during 2004-05, 2005-06 and 2006-07 respectively. During the same periods, the actual release was Rs. 18166.83 crores, Rs. 27488.83 crores and Rs. 30981.94 crores. Under allocation based programmes of SGRY, SGSY, IAY and DRDA Administration, the central allocations to DRDAs during the years 2004-05, 2005- 06 and 2006-07 was Rs. 7955.92 crores, Rs. 9128.90 crores and Rs. 6919.07 crores respectively. The Central releases under both allocations based and demand based programmes of SGRY, SGSY, IAY, DRDA Administration, IWDP, DPAP, DDP and NFFWP/NREGS to the DRDAs during the years 2004-05, 2005-06 and 2006-07 was Rs. 11380.07 crores, Rs. 14941.47 crores and Rs. 16991.57 crores respectively.

(d) & (e): Yes, Sir. Effective monitoring mechanism is in place. The Ministry is monitoring the monthly progress through on-line Management Information System (MIS). Expenditure under various programmes is monitored based on utilisation certificates submitted by the implementing agencies. With a view to monitor the expenditure made under various programmes by the DRDAs, the Ministry has developed a comprehensive system of monitoring the implementation and impact of the programmes including utilization of funds through Periodical Progress Reports, Performance Review Committee, Area Officer`s Scheme, Vigilance and Monitoring Committee at the State/District Level with greater involvement of Members of Parliament, National Level Monitors to monitor quality of work, adherence to implementation of schemes as per programme guidelines.